ROLLA, MO

January 19, 2004 Time: 11:30 A.M. Christ Episcopal Church, 10th & Main Sts.

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration. The celebration will begin at the Phelps County Courthouse, 200 N. Main St. in Rolla, where individuals will present Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Following the speech, a motorcade will travel to the Christ Episcopal Church, 10th & Main Streets, where a service will be held at 12:30 P.M. Guest speaker: Elder Mary Ann Pulley, Pastor of the Agape' Full Gospel Christian Center. Admission is free. Sponsored by the UMR African American Cultural Recognition Committee, Agape' Full Gospel Christian Center, and Rolla Area NAACP. Contact: Mary Ann Pulley, UMR AACRC Chair, at 573/341-4131 or 573/647-8316; maryp@umr.edu or mapulley1 @hotmail.com.

January 24, 2004 Time: 6:30 P.M.

Centennial Hall, University Center-East, UMR Campus

NAACP Awards Banquet. The NAACP will award "Yes I Can" scholarships to UMR African American students at the event and a member of the community will be presented with a "Yes I Can" award in recognition of demonstrated courage in the face of adversity. Guest speaker: Elson Floyd, President of the University of Missouri System. Entertainment will be provided by Tarik and Micale Clark of Houston, Texas. Attire is semi-formal. Event is sponsored by the Rolla Area Branch of the NAACP. Admission cost: \$30.00 for adults, \$20.00 for UMR students. Tickets are available from the UMR ticket window. Call 573/341-4219. Tickets may also be purchased by calling the Rolla branch of the NAACP at 573/368-4616 or Stacey Smith, secretary, at 573/647-9027. A limited number of discounted tickets are available for UMR students from the Minority Engineering and Science Program Office at 573/341-4212. **Contact:** Mary Ann Pulley, UMR AACRC Chair, at 573/341-4131 or 573/647-8316; maryp@umr.edu or mapulley1 @hotmail.com.

February 15, 2004 Time: 8:00 and 9:30 A.M. Christ Episcopal Church, 10th & Main Sts.

Absalom Jones Sunday. Absalom Jones, the first African American Episcopal priest, will be celebrated during services at Christ Episcopal Church. Guest speaker: William S. Jenkins III, owner of Jenks/Long Insurance Co. and a Vietnam veteran. Sponsored by the University of Missouri-Rolla African American Cultural Recognition Committee. Admission is free. **Contact:** Mary Ann Pulley at 573/341-4131 or 573/647-8316; maryp@umr.edu or mapulley1_@hotmail.com.

February 26, 2004 Time: 7:00 P.M.

Centennial Hall, University Center East, UMR Campus

St. Louis Black Repertory Company. St. Louis Black Repertory Company's award-winning Touring Company will give two 50-minute performances. Refreshments will be provided. The first play, "Telling, Singing, Beating the Drum," chronicles the legacy of African and African-American folktales as they are passed down through three generations. Music, song and dance help give these old tales new life. The show, developed by Linda Kennedy, is appropriate for children in grades K-8 as well as community audiences. "He Who Endures," a historical play, follows the life and work of the abolitionist Frederick Douglass, including his intellectual battles with those people opposing his passive viewpoint and calling slaves to "rise up" for their freedom. This play, by Bill Harris, is appropriate for children in grades 6-12, as well as for adults. Event is sponsored by the University of Missouri-Rolla African American Cultural Recognition Committee. Admission is free. Contact: Mary Ann Pulley at 573/341-4131 or 573/647-8316; maryp@umr.edu or mapulley1 @hotmail.com.

February 28, 2004 Time: 8:30 A.M. UMR Campus, Room 204 McNutt Hall

AACRC and MSBE Oratorical Contest. This event is held in conjunction with the National Society of Black Engineers Pre-College Initiative Weekend and is sponsored by the University of Missouri-Rolla student chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers and the African American Cultural Recognition Committee. Admission is free. Contact: Andre' Davis, UMR NSBE, at 573/341-9874 or aldc42@umr.edu.

February 28, 2004 Time: 6:00 P.M.

UMR Campus, Centennial Hall, University Center-East

Dinner to Jazz Concert Banquet. This event, held in conjunction with the UMR African American Cultural Recognition committee, has been a tradition at UMR since 1965. Dinner and live musical entertainment will be provided, performer will be announced. Sponsored by the University of Missouri-Rolla Association of Black Students. **Contact:** Mary Ann Pulley at 573/341-4131 or 573/647-8316; maryp@umr.edu or mapulley1 @hotmail.com.

April 17, 2004 Time: 4:00 P.M. UMR Campus, University Center-East

Gala Night. The unique cultures of Africa, including artifacts, artwork and sculptures, will be showcased at the Gala Night. The popular and fascinating fashion show will return with even more clothing from different countries. Live African musical bands will entertain the audience and leave the night for the audience to dance the night away. It will be a pleasurable experience for all ages and types. Sponsored by the University of Missouri-Rolla African Student Association. Admission cost: Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for UMR students and children ages 12 and younger. Admission for couples is \$15.00. For ticket information, contact Hermon Tekle, ASA president, at

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